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IN THE UNITED ST TES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Louis F. Aprigliano et al.

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Group Art Unit:

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING CORROSION

RESISTANT METAL ALLOYS WITH

IMPROVED STRENGTH AND DUCTILITY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Amendment of the above identified application prior to any Official action, is requested as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly add the following claims:

In a method of casting a ductile alloy having a base metal by heating thereof to produce a molten stream that is atomized into a spray of droplets directed onto a moving substrate surface; the improvement residing in: selecting a corrosion resisting material as a component of the alloy undergoing said heating; exclusively limiting said alloy to the base metal and the corrosion

resisting material; and utilizing nitrogen gas to atomize the molten stream into said spray of

droplets for deposit onto said surface and increase in strength the ductile alloy.

The method as defined in claim 5, wherein said base metal is nickel and the corrosion

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resisting material is chromium.

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